GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:420
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2007
LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether late running of trains in the country is causing a lot of inconvenience to the passengers and loss of revenue to the Railways;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto;

(c) whether an Expert Committee is proposed to be constituted by the Railways on punctuality of train services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 420 BY SHRI HEMLAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03-05-2007 REGARDING LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS.

(a): No, Sir.

The overall punctuality performance of Mail/Express trains from April 2006 to March 2007 (month-wise) is as under:

	Broad Gauge(%)	Metre Gauge(%)
April,06	91.7	91.1
May,06	91.2	96.9
June,06	91.8	97.3
July,06	93.7	98.4
August ,06	93.8	97.3
September,06	92.0	97.6
October,06	92.4	99.3
November, 06	91.9	99.5
December, 06	88.8	99.5
January, 07	87.9	99.5
February,07	90.9	99.3
March,07	92.2	99.8

(b): Following steps are being taken by Indian Railways to improve operations and the punctuality of passenger carrying trains:

1. Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all three levels viz. Divisional, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board.

2. Launching of punctuality drives from time to time.

3. Running of trains at maximum permissible speed subject to observance of safety limits and speed restrictions.

4. Improvements in Time tabling to provide a clear path.

5. Improvement in standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.

6. Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.

7. Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems and miscreant activities.

8. Up-gradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signaling.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Do not arise.